



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) : Ronald C. Stefanek  
TITLE : **HEMMING APPARATUS AND METHOD**  
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EXAMINER : John S. Goetz  
ART UNIT : 3725  
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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : SFKZ 2 00002

Cleveland, OH 44114

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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To the Commissioner for Patents:


Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	24	Minus	28	0	X 9	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	5	Minus	5	0	X 43	\$0.00
TOTAL					=	\$0.00

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☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.  
☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
☐ Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the applicable extension of time fees.  
☒ Applicants request any extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the required fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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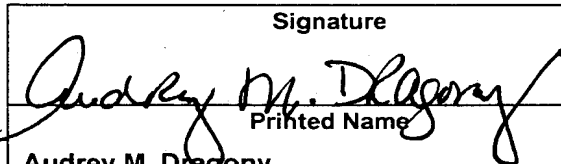
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